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SUBJECT : Interagency Group Meeting on Poland

I attended an IG meeting on Poland chaired by DAS Bob Barry in Eagleburger's absence. of OER also attended. I briefed the group on the most current aspects of the Polish crisis. It is generally agreed that we may be approaching the imposition of martial law in Poland this weekend. The highlights of the meeting are as follows:

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- State has made preparations to establish two task forces, the first consisting of a 24-hour watch operation and the second of an Interagency Group to advise on policy-related issues. I have been designated the CIA representative on the latter group.
- As a result of a Friday NAC meeting the NATO Allies have agreed to convene a meeting at the Ministerial level to consider appropriate NATO responses in the event the crisis deteriorates. The contingency measures discussed earlier assumed a worst-case scenario, i.e., massive Soviet intervention, and there is some question about Allied willingness to implement strong measures in a situation short of massive intervention. While there has been no Allied backtracking, there is now no agreement on when that emergency ministerial meeting should be convened. We plan to involve Japan, New Zealand, Austria and Spain in such discussions, though the modalities have not yet been mapped out. Finally, the intelligence assessment cable which we have been sending out twice weekly will now be sent daily.
- Refugee planning: Our position to this point has been that the US will help refugees only after they arrive in a "country of first asylum." State is now reviewing this policy.

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- We will not draw down our personnel in Embassy Warsaw, and a plan has been established to insure adequate communications, food and water, etc.
- The economic situation: The food supply problem is worsening daily as a result of widespread scare buying. We are not aware that the food supply situation itself has changed markedly. No seasonal relief can be expected until early June when home-grown vegetables will be brought onto the market. The focus of attention on Poland's financial problem has shifted to default which the Poles claim will occur on March 31st. I have heard privately that the Poles have already informed Manufacturers Hanover and other banks of Warsaw's impending default.
- The Jagielski visit: The Polish side seems to expect a lot more to come of the visit with respect to US aid than we have led them to believe. We have made it clear that Jagielski must not expect new economic and financial commitments to come out of his visit.
- Broadcasting: VOA is postured to add an additional five hours to its Polish service once it gets the go ahead. ICA asked that State consider exactly when that should be. Air time for other East European service will be increased marginally. There is no plan at present to increase the 16 hours broadcast daily to the Soviet Union. But VOA will apparently add some air time to its Baltic language services.



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